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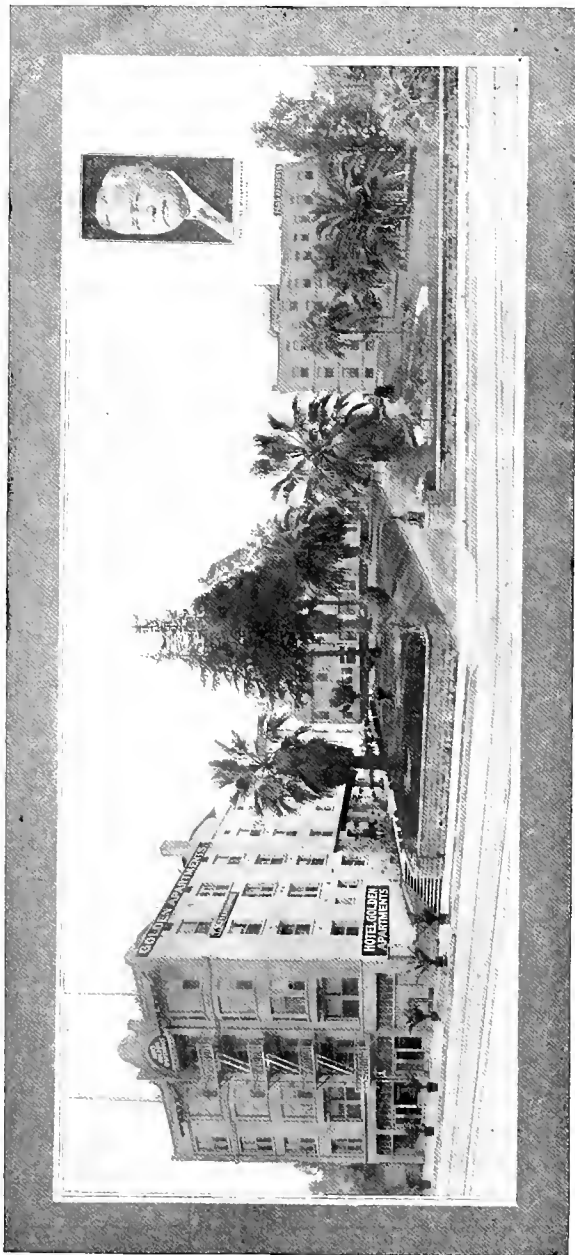
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EDITORIAL

At the eleventh biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, convening at San Francisco June 25, 1912, New York and Texas will present rival candidates for the presidency, and the situation is discussed editorially as follows by the General Federation Bulletin:

It is a matter of congratulation to that great and splendid body of women, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, that two such strong women as Mrs. Philip Carpenter and Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker are candidates for the presidency. Mrs. Pennybacker is from Texas, of the sunny smiling South, which is turning out so many strong women these days; women who are doing and daring for the right, for the welfare of mankind. Mrs. Carpenter is from New York state, which holds within its borders 230,00 club women; a mighty army sweeping on with tremendous force in the great reforms of the day. Both Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Pennybacker have the policies of the Federation very much at heart and have had broad experience in General Federation work. Both are known over the length and breadth of the country as women of intellect, of force, of judgment, discretion and great executive ability. Each has an unusual share of womanly charm and both number their friends by thousands in all sections of the country. It will be hard to choose between these candidates.

Biennial delegates arriving in San Francisco are requested to wear as a badge a bit of blue ribbon, and to look for "The Trains committee" who may be recognized by their yellow badges.

In view of the endorsement given at

the Paso Robles meeting of "any bill proposed by the state veterinarian, Dr. Keene, for stamping out bovine tuberculosis in dairy herds," it is of especial interest that the following week a local measure calling for a tuberculin test ordinance was referred to the citizens of Los Angeles at a municipal election and lost.

In this situation Mrs. Charles Farwell Edson finds only incentive to renewed activity, and already has in hand an educative campaign along broad, strictly scientific lines, relying mainly for success upon those unexcelled agencies, the C. F. W. C. and state press. Under Mrs. Edson's direction the health department of the state federation will devote its energies this year to two lines of endeavor—education, as presented above, and to securing legislation on sex hygiene.

"Our work," Mrs. Edson affirms, "is not to cure, but to prevent. When one considers that since the discovery of the tuberculosis bacillus, consumption has been reduced 50 per cent, regulation of these other scourges appears not only practical but desirable.

"It is stated that in the United States within the last fifty years the population has increased 330 per cent, while crime has increased 990 per cent during the same period. The resolution presented by me at the state meeting asking that each applicant for a marriage certificate be required to first procure a health certificate testifying to freedom from sex disease in the infective stage, is fundamental in that it would remove the cause of much misery, disease, insanity and crime, and if it is made a law it is the duty of every clubwoman in California to see that her assemblyman and senators thoroughly understand

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the clubwomen of the state expect them to support the measure with their entire effort and vote."

A question of club policy of such import that it can not fail soon to be recognized as an issue, is the general custom of allowing delegates to pay their own way to district or state conventions.

These delegates go at the bidding of their associates to represent them in the transaction of business, and to bring to the stay-at-homes the inspiration gained from meeting leaders in club activities, in learning how other clubs have solved mutual problems, and by coming closer in touch with the big things that have been accomplished or are being planned. That this honor and opportunity should go, unless in very exceptional cases, more than twice in succession to the same woman is manifestly unfair. There is never a convention where one may not hear delegates tell of the "value, profit and pleasure" to be derived from such service—should these always be enjoyed by the woman whose purse admits of her paying railroad and hotel bills to the exclusion of her equally competent sister who is less fortunately situated in money matters? There is nothing more contagious than club enthusiasm, and it would be a source of greatest strength if the opportunity of becoming exposed to this contagion was passed around among the workers.

It is possible for the individual club to meet this problem by including in the year's financial forecast a flat sum for delegate expenses to district and state conventions, and levying a small tax to meet the same. Proceeds from fetes or lectures also might be applied to this end. Much of the broadening, educative influence of club life is derived from the conventions, and possesses a value in direct ratio to the number of persons among whom it is shared. It might at least be possible to pay the expenses of the one who

heads the delegation and who is to bring back the report to the club.

It is with profound sympathy that clubwomen throughout the state have learned of the affliction which visited the home of Miss Carrie Blowers, formerly state chairman of forestry, April 29, when her brother, Russell Irving Blowers, passed away at Woodland, Cal. Deceased left a second sister, Miss Annie, and a stepmother.

Mr. Blowers, who was born in Yolo county, and was a viticulturist of more than state reputation, was 52 years old. Following the death of their father in 1894, with his sisters he took up the work of the industrial development of Yolo county, and, to quote a local paper, "their achievements in the field of horticulture and viticulture have been such that they have been regarded as very worthy successors of their father, who planted the first vineyard for commercial purposes and whose career was perhaps more strongly identified with these industries than any other man of his day." Russell Blowers was considered an authority in his special field, and occupied a position of influence in the community where he had spent his life.

There seemed to be a misunderstanding among some of the delegates at Paso Robles concerning the appointment of state delegates to the biennial, a few holding that the state president is a delegate ex-officio. This is a mistake. Until the meeting at Long Beach in 1911 it had been possible to elect a delegate body to the biennial which included neither the state president nor general federation secretary, but at that convention the constitution was changed to make it obligatory to elect both as delegates. The president is not a delegate ex-officio, and unless she is formally elected as a delegate, the general federation secretary is only the state's representative on the biennial board, having no vote with the state representatives on the floor of the convention.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The new office, and its new duties, which are at once compelling, and interesting, have been so recently assumed, that this first message cannot be much more than a word of greeting to my fellow officers and to the clubwomen of the state, and a plea for your indulgence, as previous obligations as a member of the local biennial board are still pressing and immediate.

At the close of the convention, the executive board met in the parlor of Hotel Paso de Robles and proceeded to nominate chairmen of state committees—those important ladies who carry the gospel of Federation to every club in the land! Recommendations for these offices had been presented by the retiring district presidents to the chairman of the nominating committee, and these suggestions were found very valuable and expedited the work of selecting the chairmen.

The corresponding secretary has sent a formal note to each nominee, asking for acceptance, and it is hoped that all of the responses will be favorable. At this writing the returns are not in, so the list of standing committees for the ensuing year cannot be sent to The Club Woman.

In harmony with the action of the convention the new committee of necrology was added to the list, and a committee appointed to bring in a plan for redistricting the state of California, for federation purposes. This committee as it now stands represents every federation district, and the members will report their suggestions to a chairman, Mrs. Henry E. De Nyse of Riverside. From this committee a definite plan will evolve, to be presented for discussion and the action of the next state convention.

The committee is as follows: Miss Jennie McConnell of Elk Grove, for the Northern district; Mrs. Olive Borrette of Napa, San Francisco district; Mrs. Annie Little Barry of Berkeley, for Alameda district; Mrs. E. D. Buss of Bakersfield, for San Joaquin district; Mrs. Homer J. Riddle of San Luis Obispo, for Los Angeles district, and Mrs. A. H. Griswold of Colton, for the Southern district. To these seven ladies we commend ourselves, trusting that they will not, at least, cause us to change our names and residence!

Every change of administration requires time for adjustment in details. The vacation months will give us the

needed time to get into the swing of the new duties.

Requests have already come for stationary, but we shall have to wait for the complete list of officers, which includes the chairmen of standing committees.

The California Federation can feel gratified that at least the official organ has not changed, for one of the first bits of business was to accept the contract for 1912-1913 presented by The Club Woman. Generous space is placed at the disposal of the executive board, and the chairmen of our state committees, who, with their fellow district members, do the work that makes for the progress of the federation.

This organ of publicity keeps us closely in touch with each other, and greatly facilitates and expedites official communication with the individual club.

Many letters of good will and good wishes for the success of the new administration have been received and greatly appreciated.

A call meeting of the executive board will be held in San Francisco at the close of the eleventh biennial convention of the General Federation. It is very probable that it will be a full meeting for our California clubwomen will be on duty as hostesses in this city, and ready with many valuable suggestions for the work before us. We shall have had an object lesson,

the effectiveness of unity of purpose and effort. We shall have come into intimate relations with the wise, experienced, liberal minded women who guide with sure hands this great movement that makes for civic righteousness.

The California Federation will be "At Home" on the afternoon of the Fourth of July at the Fairmont Hotel to receive the entire convention. All officers, all presidents of clubs, retiring and incoming, are requested to take off their hats, and to act as reception committee in the most informal and friendly manner possible and to see that no one lacks for attention or in any wise misses the true California greeting.

This same spirit of informality and good fellowship will prevail at the opening reception arranged by the local biennial board for the officers of the General Federation who will meet the delegates Tuesday, June 25, from 3:30 to 5:30, at the Palace Hotel.

This great event just at hand overshadows all other club work. We shall hope that our part as hostesses will be so well done that there will be no regrets. We shall hope that the enthusiasm and inspiration engendered will carry us through the year with added zeal of effort, and greater joy in the work.

Cordially yours,
Mrs. James W. Orr.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL STATE MEETING

M. N. F. Bridgman

Paso de los Robles was first called "Pass of the Oaks" by Franciscan fathers who, we are told, were wont to tarry there as they journeyed between Lompoc and San Miguel or more distant missions, and who brought their sick to its springs for healing.

In the brooding peace of this happy valley, and some 770 feet above sea level, lies the city of Paso Robles, which may be approached via the Southern Pacific Coast Line, and, if one comes from the south, by way of San Luis Obispo and Horseshoe Curve,

thence up and up and up, the grade winding around, over and through peaks of the coast range which alternately reveal and intercept wonderful vistas of mountain and valley.

It is quite probable that the gentle tourist, sojourner in Paso Robles, after becoming familiar with its hospitable rambling hotel, where guests loiter on rose trellised verandas and quaff afternoon tea in the sun parlor, and having paced to his heart's content along roads shaded alternately with sentinel evergreens and locusts—

locusts where bird choirs daily offer matins and vespers, and where from sunrise to sunset uncounted bees hum-m-m busily as they pilfer the treasure of sweets from pendulous clusters of fragrant pink and white blossoms; having tested the efficacy of hot sulphur springs and mud baths, and motored through out-lying territory devoted to fruit and grain ranches up to the crest of the range to a point where one seems to be looking out over the top of the world; and having learned that the census accredits the city with a population of 1,500 souls—such an one doubtless, having done all this and more, may journey on, confident that the heart of Paso Robles has been fully revealed.

It is for none of these causes, however, potent as they are, that the club women whose happy fortune it was to attend the eleventh annual convention of the California Federation of Women's Clubs held there in May, are proclaiming the city to be "Paso Robles the Incomparable," but rather for the intrepid courage of its women, twenty-eight of whom comprised the total membership of the Woman's club the day they dared invite the state federation, representing approximately 24,000 women, to hold its annual session there. That was in March—on May 22, when the state president declared the convention open, calling to order a delegate body of 196, the roster of the hostess club showed forty members. These are the reasons why the name of the Woman's club of Paso Robles is written in letters of gold on the books of the state federation, and it was in recognition of this, as well as in appreciation of the hospitality extended that the executive board, heartily endorsed by formal action of the delegates, voted to present the Woman's club with an El Camino Real bell to be hung at San Miguel Mission.

Mrs. Waters, speaking to the convention of the new standard thus set, declared, "In these days when adjectives are in little favor, we must thank our hostesses for supplying us with a

new term of comparison. Hereafter one need merely say, 'That is the Paso Robles way,' or 'This reminds me of Paso Robles.'"

The story of the annual meeting of C. F. W. C., 1912, was reported so admirably at the time and at such length by the daily press, while full reports of officers and chairmen may be found later in the state year book, that it seems superfluous for The Club Woman to present more than a brief review of the three days' session.

Hotel de Paso Robles not only accommodated, besides other guests, the greater number of those who came up for the state meeting, but sheltered also under its hospitable roof all convention proceedings, business sessions and evening programs being presented in the comfortable assembly hall, while committees transacted their affairs in the parlors or ladies' billiard room. Headquarters for the six districts and for the credential committee were established in the sun parlor. This gave to the entire session an atmosphere of being at home and at leisure, and there was much favorable comment on the absence of that atmosphere of unrest that has seemed in the past to be almost a necessary part of convention proceedings, and which is caused in great measure by continuous arrival and departure.

On such an occasion two items are always of paramount importance—who is to be elected presiding officer for the following term, and where the next convention is to be held. This year both matters were practically settled in advance, as Mrs. James W. Orr, one of the best known clubwomen in the state, stepped unopposed and by unanimous vote from the office of General Federation Secretary for California to the chair of the chief executive of the state federation, and the invitation of San Joaquin district to meet next year at Fresno was enthusiastically accepted.

Mrs. Orr, who is a stranger to the clubwomen of California only in her new relation of president, brings to that office a wealth of experience in

club life, familiarity with its routine, great love for the work and belief in federation. Mrs. Orr's many friends throughout the state are anticipating great things for C. F. W. C. under her direction.

The session was distinguished throughout by the true federation spirit of co-operation, and that gentle courtesy which concedes another's right to maintain her own point of view. An innovation that imparted an intimate, "homey" character to the program, and met with enthusiastic and unanimous approval was that, with the exception of F. C. Athern, whose lecture Thursday evening on "The Economic Value of Righteousness," was accompanied by lantern slides, the speakers were all well known clubwomen, each an authority in her special department.

The program was built around three themes, biennial anticipation, civil service reform and legislation. Mrs. E. G. Denniston, president of the local biennial board, presiding over the first, Mrs. A. E. Osborne and Mrs. E. G. Swan over the two following.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Moore, for the General Federation, and from Mrs. Cowles.

Brought closely into sympathy not only by interest in the approaching biennial, but also as the result of the retiring president's unremitting effort for state unity during her two years in office, the entire session was marked by a harmony that in itself was a sufficient justification for Mrs. Water's claim in her formal farewell, "I have achieved the task I set myself to accomplish. The state is united—North and South are one."

Just, both as executive and presiding officer, and endowed with a gracious womanhood that has won the fealty of clubwomen throughout the state, Mrs. Waters leaves her name deeply engraved on the hearts of California clubwomen, and as in her farewell address she told of her deep love for the federation, and warned her audience of politics not from without but within,

there were moist eyes not a few, and responsive and eloquent silence.

It was in the interest of the biennial, and in line with a determination that nothing should disturb the existing cordial relations between the large and small clubs that the per capita tax and representation amendments were tabled. This courtesy, however, does not imply oblivion; the amendment will, without question, be brought in some form before the next annual convention and promises to furnish discussion of grave import.

By vote of the convention the California Federation of Woman's clubs stands pledged to support and further legislation along these and other lines:

Applicants for marriage license must first secure a health certificate declaring such applicant free from any sex disease in the infectious state;

Any bill proposed by the state veterinarian, Dr. Keene, for stamping out bovine tuberculosis in dairy herds;

Equal guardianship;

Community property rights for married women;

Certification of graduate nurses by a properly appointed state board providing for criminal action against any nurse practicing without registration;

Raising the so called "age of consent" to the age when a girl becomes legally of age before the law in the matter of owning and disposing of real property;

Establishment of a state training school for girls;

Changing the name of Deadman's Island in San Pedro Harbor, which is to be made an emigrant station, to "Esperanza" or "Hope;"

That Congress be urged to appropriate sufficient money to prohibit the white slave traffic, this money to be expended by the attorney general at the direction of the President;

Universal peace, and preservation of California's redwoods.

The establishment of a committee of necrology; empowering the president to appoint a committee to prepare a plan for re-districting the state; to

commence locating historical relics for the 1915 exposition in San Francisco, and to ask the State Highway Commission to map historical spots and relics along the State road, and to plant native trees wherever possible, were among other measures adopted.

The Club Woman was endorsed as the C. F. W. C. official organ for 1912-13.

Perhaps no item on the program was anticipated more keenly than the discussion Thursday morning of "The problem my district has solved," the topic to be handled by the district presidents.

Mrs. A. F. Jones, who represented the Northern district, told of a greater club interest and federation spirit this year, and of having as the result an increased membership. Greater interest, the speaker affirmed, naturally brings more clubs into the federation.

Mrs. Black of San Francisco opened the symposium with the statement that certain problems such as the appointment of department chairmen, arranging programs and preparations for district conventions, are common to all, and are regularly passed on to the next administration. The individual problems confronting San Francisco district are the widely scattered club territory, and the question of having the women accept their newly acquired legal status. Mrs. Black believes that clubs should endorse principles but not persons.

Mrs. Taylor, who represented Mrs. S. L. Wiley, said that one of the problems of San Joaquin district was a scattered club territory. She presented to the convention a State flag, which she asked might always have a place at future conventions by the side

of the United States flag.

Mrs. Baurhyte also told of fostering the spirit of federation in Los Angeles district, and of having helped solve the state problem by assisting to erase "that miserable little line of state division somewhere near the Tehachapi, Los Angeles district," she said, "has appointed itself the biggest executive board ever appointed anywhere, and has been too busy doing things to have any individual problems."

Mrs. Westland told of a fostered federation spirit in the Southern district, of increased strength among individual clubs, and of county organization, in which she firmly believes.

One of the topics scheduled for discussion at the presidents' council was "How may clubs be protected from undesirable programs," and every one was alert. Various methods were suggested ranging from the appointing of specially qualified and experienced chairmen, to taking "whatever comes and saying nothing." The consensus of opinion favored paying for speakers and other talent and several experiences were related showing the great risk encountered when chairmen did not know in advance the topics to be presented and how they were to be treated. It was agreed that since it is the president who is held responsible, whoever may be to blame if things go wrong, that that officer should always be chairman of the program committee. Mrs. Orr urged every president to acquaint herself fully with what was to be presented before she introduced the speaker.

The financial condition of the organization was concisely stated by the treasurer, Mrs. William Fairchild, who presented this report:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand May	
16, '11	\$1635.61
Dues	2035.95
Admissions	151.50
Club House Loan	
Fund	237.95
State Federation Pins	50.00

Badges Long Beach	
Club	1.50
Refund Long Beach	
Club	13.00
Contribution Long	
Beach Symphony	
Club	21.00
	<hr/> \$4146.51

EXPENSES.

Officers—		Alameda	7.75	
President, postage		Los Angeles	15.02	
and expenses	\$ 47.38	Southern	16.20	
Vice President at				\$62.47
large, expenses	19.65	Department Chairmen—		
Corresponding Secretary, expenses	185.41	Club House Loan.....	\$1003.30	
Recording Secretary, expenses	67.99	Other departments	300.03	
Treasurer	25.43	Miscellaneous	861.98	
				\$2165.31
	\$345.86	Cash on hand, May		
District—		16, 1912		1572.87
Northern	\$ 11.50			
San Francisco	12.00			\$4146.51

Mrs. Andrew W. Francisco, corresponding secretary, announced that C. F. W. C. has a total membership of 24,584, this estimate including several clubs admitted at the Paso Robles board meeting.

Figures compiled just prior to the close of the year by the chairman of club extension, Mrs. D. A. Leonard, when the total for the state was 23,991, show this district apportionment: Northern, 1624; San Francisco, 6025; Alameda, 3413; San Joaquin, 1588; Los Angeles 8823; Southern, 2518.

Mrs. Orr closed her term as general federation secretary by reporting that seventy-six California clubs had joined the General Federation this year, making 109 in all.

Regretting that the report of the work for Art's sake throughout the state during the year past was all too fragmentary, the chairman, Mrs. Edward B. Stanwood, had the satisfaction of reporting nineteen clubs with art sections doing serious and consecutive work. Twenty-one art exhibitions have been given under the arrangement and with the co-operation of district art chairmen, and Los Angeles district had honorable mention as having one hundred and twenty-seven art programs to its credit. Notable progress has been made by individual clubs throughout the state, and it is Mrs. Stanwood's ambition that every future district convention in this

state shall have an art exhibition of value, however small. Constant stimulation, accompanied by serious art study, she affirms, will result in a state wide work "commensurate with our strength as federated clubwomen."

Mrs. Edward M. Nealley's report on the work done by the civics department contained these words: "A political right is an opportunity for service, and the recent acquisition of the right of suffrage has brought to the women of California new duties and responsibilities for civics betterment." This department has covered a wide and important field of activities, and the record is one of achievement of which the state federation has reason to be very proud.

Success crowned the efforts of the Civil Service Reform committee last year under the leadership of Mrs. A. E. Osborne, who reported a quickened interest throughout the state. Organization of the Psychopathic Society, and the parole system in Los Angeles, were held by Mrs. Osborne to be "without question the most important movement on the Pacific Coast within the range of our reform of civil conditions. . . . The result of the election put new enthusiasm in our members and now our work is worth while. Never before was just such work to be done as now confronts us, and nevertheless the outlook is particularly bright."

Activity and unremitting effort have characterized those sub-departments of conservation, forestry and waterways. Mrs. E. G. Greene told of much that has been accomplished through co-operation of the press and the state department of education, and instanced work along big lines that is being undertaken by individual civic clubs. There is more than a hint of successful methods employed in this sentence, "Telegrams pulsating with enthusiasm and determination going to United States senators and congressmen at Washington, cannot continue very long without arousing the interest of all citizens, so loyal are Californians."

In the absence of the state chairmen of forestry, Miss Carrie Blowers, that department was represented by Mrs. Foster Elliott, who, while handicapped by the failure of four district chairmen to report, must have found compensation in the activity of the Northern and Los Angeles districts. Mrs. Elliott with Mrs. Greene and other chairmen acknowledged a debt of gratitude to the United States Forest Service and other agencies, mediums through which they had obtained lantern slides with which to illustrate lectures on various departments of conservation. Mrs. Elliott urges the club women of the state to "please take an active interest in forestry. Think of it, talk of it, study it, put it upon your club programs, urge proper forest legislation, and vote for it if necessary. Put it before the children, teach them to love birds, flowers and trees, and to appreciate their economic value as well as their beauty. Remember always that after all we can do has been done, the future of the movement for the conservation of our forests lies more with the rising generation than with that which now guides and controls."

Mrs. D. A. Leonard, chairman of Club Extension, reported thirty-five clubs federated and fifteen new clubs organized this year, presenting also last year's record of thirty-seven clubs federated and ten clubs organized. "So

many fields have been opened to women this year," it was declared, "and their political rights and opportunity for service so broadened, that it has taken their time and attention, and temporarily blocked the pathway to club extension. But after our busy biennial convention the club extension and federation spirit will again revive and send its influence over the state like wireless telegraphy. In my work through the state I have noted the prevailing spirit of good fellowship existing between our clubs and districts. They are not working for self alone, but for the interests of all, and are now equipped for active service, and each club comes bristling with fresh ideas, linking itself with the federation, knowing that 'Strength united is stronger.'"

The state university club house fund is the richer by \$4000 contributed by the state federation. Three cottages were furnished, and the money—\$1000—is ready to establish a fourth. The convention voted to continue this department until five cottages have been established. Young women wishing reservations may apply to district presidents or Mrs. A. P. Black of San Francisco, who will represent the federation on the Club House Committee.

Mrs. Mary H. Gridley, who not only is chairman of the federation pin committee, but is in truth "the committee," sold last year by her unaided effort \$140 worth of pins, with a profit of \$24 to the board. As a tribute to Mrs. Gridley it was voted to change the name of that department, calling it hereafter the "Emblem committee."

The report of the chairman of education, Miss Adele Humphrey, explained that although it had been her desire to prosecute a vigorous campaign for education in matters of social hygiene, she found that work in that line was being conducted by the health department, and that education in citizenship was receiving the attention of the civics committee, etc., leaving very little for the education branch, pure and simple.

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PROGRAM OUTLINED

Mrs. A. P. Black

First Vice President. Local Biennial Board

The great convention is close upon us. In less than four weeks the guests for whose pleasure and entertainment we have been planning for more than a year will be within our city's gates, and we shall be able to offer them the realization of all our careful preparation. In these last days the weekly meetings of the local biennial board are busy and long. Every question that comes up is met and decided, as there is no time to put matters aside

for future consideration. Miss Kathryn Cole, chairman of state headquarters, has received communications from about twenty-five state federations, giving approximately the size of their respective delegations. Especially large delegations may be expected from New York, Texas, Illinois, Massachusetts and Ohio.

Some outline of the program of the convention has been published. The addresses include a wide range of vital-

ly interesting topics discussed by well known and able speakers, the majority of whom are women.

The formal opening of the convention will take place Tuesday evening, June 25, the program to consist mostly of addresses of welcome and responses, with some fine musical numbers. On the following evening, the presidents of the forty-seven state federations will be introduced to the convention, responding in two minute speeches to the question, "How Has the General Federation Best Helped Your State?"

Thursday evening will be devoted to "Household Economics." Mrs. Guldlin, chairman of this department, has summarized the evening's thought under the general title of "The Dawn of Tomorrow," and will introduce as speakers Mrs. John Hessler of Illinois and Mrs. W. E. Miller of Indiana. The subjects to be presented are, "Better Dress Standards," and "Democracy in the Home."

Saturday evening, the subject to be presented is "Vocational Guidance," and the principal speaker, Dr. Laura Drake Gill.

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock there is to be a Vesper Service in Calvary Presbyterian Church, conducted by Dr. Luella Clay Carson, president of Mills College. This service will include a short address by Dr. Carson, with processional and recessional by a large surpliced choir, principally of Mills College women. The subject for Monday evening, "Public Health," will be presented in addresses by Dr. Rachelle S. Yarros, Mrs. O. C. Ellis, and Mrs. W. H. Hutt.

Tuesday evening, July 2, will be devoted to the legal and economic status of women, Mrs. Philip Carpenter of New York, Mrs. S. S. Platt Decker of Colorado, and Dr. Jessica Peixotto of California, being the speakers.

Wednesday evening is to be "Art evening," the program being presented by the Chairman of the Art department, Mrs. E. W. Pattison of St. Louis. The principal address will be

"Three Centuries of Art in America," by Hector Alliot of Los Angeles.

Thursday evening, July 4, "The Peace Movement" is to be discussed. Mrs. Frances Squire Potter of Minnesota will be heard on "The Declaration of Peace," and the Baroness Bertha von Suttner winner of a Noble Peace prize a few years ago, will also address the convention.

Friday evening, the last of the convention, in keeping with federation tradition, will be "Presidents' Evening." The program is in Mrs. Moore's hands and will include the following speakers: Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Crane of Michigan; Capt. J. B. White; Dr. Laura Drake Gill, and Miss Julia Lathrop, Director of the newly established Federal Children's Bureau. Besides these addresses there will be presented each evening of the convention, musical numbers which are being arranged by the musical committee of which Mine. Emilia Tojetti is chairman.

Morning programs will be devoted partly to the business of the convention, and partly to addresses on different phases of department work.

Plans for local entertainment are nearly complete at the present time. They include, a day in the Santa Clara valley, an east Bay Cities' afternoon, a bay excursion, an auto ride around San Francisco, a symphony concert, two large informal receptions, and other courtesies, such as a trip to Washington Township, a Napa trip, and a visit to Mills College.

The eleventh biennial convention at San Francisco promises to be a splendid and a most interesting convention. We of the local biennial board, who have talked "biennial" for the last year, after July 5 will need to do nothing further in that direction. The clubwomen of California, who will have the good fortune to attend this great assemblage of America's representative women, will thereafter take up the subject with a full measure of justice, spirit and enthusiasm, testifying to the truth that "things seen are mightier than things heard."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This message will be a farewell from a large part of the official family, from the administration of the past four years, to those who remain at home waiting for the inspiration which others may bring to them.

The months have passed quickly from June, 1908 to June, 1912, the full period allotted to your presiding officer to form, to further, and, in some few cases to carry out certain policies very dear to her heart. I believe fully they are dear to me because in the first place they made for the welfare of the organization, for the great influence the organization might exert upon the men and women of our time, for high ideals of service; and in the second place they have taken every physical and mental power of four years of my life.

We have learned to know each other and to work wonderfully well together. Rotation in office however is in my opinion the very life of our organization. We are building solidly upon the experiences of the past, but we are not getting into ruts;—the new officers that come to us will respect the policies of the past, but they will work them out from a different viewpoint; they will hold fast to all that is good and give a broader outlook from the new thought, and the new way of presenting the old. Problems that had become burdensome will disappear as if by magic, or be solved easily under different conditions.

During the past four years I have visited forty-one state federations and more than eighty additional cities, often speaking several times in one city. This has meant over 70,000 miles of travel for official business alone, and does not include the personal pleasure trips.

The expense to any one person is naturally heavy. Some few states have paid what was estimated as the proportional travelling expense, and all have entertained with most generous hospitality. I have never mentioned expense when it has not been mentioned to me, for I did not wish any one to feel under obligation in the pleasure I had in meeting the federations and in becoming acquainted with the members.

Every state is now joined in close bonds with the General Federation, the last one to enter being New Mexico. There were many strong clubs in the territory, only waiting the "statehood" that should suggest the right to a new federation. I had the pleasure of returning from the West Indies, via New Mexico, in order to be present at the birth of this last state federation. We have now an unbroken circle, the strength of the whole being tested by the strength of each part.

Demanding as the work has been, I have only one assurance to give my successor: It is well worth while.

Interests in life have broadened, friendships have strengthened, and the

constant close companionship with the best womanhood of the nation has made me realize the loyalty of service.

You will all realize that the stepping down from official life will not take from my interest in the future of this great force. The federation has been wisely led in the past; the present speaks for itself; the future has every possibility that the women and men of America can work out together.

Good bye and God bless you every one.

Faithfully yours,
Eva Perry Moore.

Massachusetts, Illinois and Wisconsin have taken initial steps toward legislation in the matter of state wage boards, action which California can

not afford to be dilatory in emulating. Los Angeles Civic association at its June meeting endorsed the steps taken by these progressive states, and passed a resolution recommending that a commission be appointed in California for the purpose of establishing a minimum wage scale. Mrs. Josiah Evans Covles, who was present, urged that every means be employed to so adjust the question of wage that working women and girls may find it possible to live decently. This association has a committee which has been busy for months investigating the conditions that surround the working girl in the shop and in her home, problems which have occupied the attention of Ebell and other clubs.

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UNDER THE LAW

Mrs. G. E. Swan

Chairman of Legislation

One club says: "When club women realize that interest in legislation is one form of patriotism, they will be more eager to study it."

In every state women are beginning to study laws, coming to it consciously and directly as they would to science or music, or they approach it indirectly, led by some interest or work which is imperfect and needs setting right. The woman interested intelligently in her own private affairs is determined to know something of the laws relating to her domestic conditions, her marriage and her property rights; while many a woman of broader sympathy and vision is asking what general laws women are living under in this year 1912.

In several states the Federation of Women's Clubs is proposing definite study along these lines for the coming year. In California, blessed with franchise, the women will not be content with anything less. Mrs. Alice Park of Palo Alto has just compiled a leaflet, concise and enlightening, on "California Women Under Laws of 1912"—it can well be read and studied by every woman in the state. Reviewing it we find that our laws relating to women are better than the average laws in other states. Certain federal laws affecting our citizenship are little understood. Many women, married to naturalized foreigners, have been surprised to find themselves, although native born Americans, classed as foreigners by the Federal government and unable to register until they produced the naturalization papers of the husband.

It is a curious shock to the native born American woman to find that she cannot register as a voter in California (or elsewhere for that matter) if her husband is not a naturalized citizen, but such is the Federal law today. Only a citizen can register as a voter, and a native born American woman

loses her birthright of citizenship when she marries a foreigner—to regain it only when he is naturalized. It is interesting to know that the first state-wide vote in California since the granting of the franchise to women was the presidential preference primary election, May 14, 1912. California is the only state permitting women to vote at such an election. Three parties were represented at this election, Republican, Democratic and Socialist.

We have the franchise, but here is an ambiguous position for wives—their legal position is that of a minor child, only the wife never reaches majority as the child may. Are you satisfied with this, California women? "Possession is nine points of the law: self-possession is the tenth," and we should possess ourselves.

Fathers are sole guardians of the persons of minor children in this state—their care, custody, control, education and services belong legally to the father. Is this justice to the mothers of the children? Are you wives satisfied with this? Someone has said, "Justice is the greatest interest on earth, the ligament which holds civilized beings and civilized nations together"—the ligament of joint guardianship of children needs to be strengthened in the majority of the states of the Union, only fourteen having it at present.

The Delineator has drawn up a joint guardianship law, intended as a model for all states. At present the age of consent in this state is sixteen years—a girl may consent to her own dishonor at that age, but she is legally a minor in every other way and cannot act independently of her guardian to sell anything else belonging to her but her honor. The only thing she has a legal right to sell is her reputation. Here is a law to be mended, if you are convinced of its injustice to the child. It

is like protecting the setting of a diamond, and showing no care whether the jewel is stolen or not.

The laws regarding women criminals are fair; and in this connection it is well to mention that in the state prisons there are today less than thirty women or one per cent of all the convicts. Women seem to be obedient to the laws. It is interesting to know that the courts have decided that a woman is a person—this is encouraging! We have an eight-hour law for women which is being used as a model for like legislation in other states. It is a matter for pride to be asked to send copies of this bill to other states and to feel we are actually progressive. We need a minimum or living scale of wages for women. As it is now women do not receive equal pay for equal work with men.

A universal legal right of women is to pay taxes. I believe there is no state where this is a matter of choice—she has to pay taxes. This is just and right in California, but we do not pay all the taxes of men—we are exempt from the poll tax. The laws in regard to the separate property of married women, the joint property and community property, are knowledge most essential to all married persons. Do you know them?

Let me quote from Mrs. Park's admirable leaflet: "The earnings of the husband and wife are community property. While husband and wife live together the husband can collect and spend the wife's earnings. Community property is under the husband's control, and if the wife dies it is his, as it was before. Is this fair?"

"A woman may work for years in or out of the home economizing heroically, planning to use her savings for her children's education. But her death, without the possibility of willing it to her own children, may be followed by the husband's remarriage, and by the squandering of all her accumulation by the second wife, while the children of the first are taken from school and put to work." Then there are laws upon

homesteading, support, desertion and divorce—but space fails to more than mention them as names. I must close this very partial review of Mrs. Park's admirable study of woman's legal status, and for further information refer you to the leaflet itself. It would be a fine thing for clubs everywhere to see that each member supplies herself with one of these leaflets, which can be obtained of Mrs. Alice Park, 2611 Gilman street, Palo Alto, Cal. Price 12 cents a dozen, postpaid. Sample leaflet, 2 cents, postpaid.

California women are fortunate in having available several books relating to our state laws concerning women. Six years ago Mrs. Mary Kenney of Los Angeles, District Chairman of Legislation, helped to compile "Laws of California Relating to Women and Children." There has just been published from the state library an up-to-date compilation of "California Laws of Interest to Women and Children."

The Report of The Tenth Biennial convention, held in Cincinnati, is a valuable book. All club rooms should prepare for the privileges of the coming biennial in San Francisco by procuring it from Mrs. Orr, 65 cents by mail, and reading it. It gives an idea for what the General Federation stands in business and broadness and uplift. The report of Mrs. Mussey, Chairman on Legislation, is illuminating. I make a few quotations:

"The Constitution of the United States preserves to all women the right of Petition. . . . Letters to Representatives, unless from personal friends are usually deposited in the waste paper basket after a polite acknowledgment, but a petition to the House of Representatives or to the United States Senate, when presented, **must be filed and noted.** To use this right of petition intelligently and wisely should be the effort of all earnest women. Undoubtedly it is the custom to sign papers of all kinds without knowledge or purpose. . . . Many legislators claim that the letters received from women do not show an intelligent

grasp of the conditions sought to be remedied, nor of the effect of the proposed legislation. I most earnestly warn the federation of the danger of claiming for our federation, with its hundreds of thousands of members, a great political power, or that the chairman of any one committee can set this body in action at a word.

"We are all working for righteous legislation, but we should not follow like sheep the first one who purports to lead. . . . It may or may not be a wise measure. Take time to discuss it in your club, at home, and study it from all sides.

"Out of 3192 Federated Clubs only 532 report any activity in legislative work. Their reports are hardly just to themselves. . . . Many clubs are organized for purposes quite foreign to legislative work.

"They may be purely literary or musical and come together to enjoy a pleasant program. But it often happens that some strong leader will drop a word which will touch the tender heart of a sister, and before they know it the program will include an article of Judge Lindsay's on the Juvenile Court, or on the conditions of the children and women wage earners. They are studying the pure food laws and that for suppressing the white slave traffic, and before they know it, they will not, as one club said, 'leave legislation to men,' but will realize that they and their children must have something to say.

"Effective legislation cannot be had unless supported by public opinion. Women, and particularly club women, have much to do with moulding this opinion. . . .

"There should be a manual published giving the laws in each state governing property rights of married women, and concerning guardianship of children. It should include public rights, both local, state and federal. It should include all that touches child and family life. With such information before each club, the individual members would be able to work intelligently

both directly and indirectly for right legislation."

Then follows a fine paper on "The Influence of Women on Legislation" by Nannette B. Paul, LL.B., of Washington, D. C., which deserves to be reprinted in full in every club woman's magazine. It is a deprivation to be able to give only a few quotations from this scholarly masterpiece upon the relation of women to legislation in the twentieth century.

"There is an inadequate knowledge of the functions of the law among women. Law may only be, as some one has said, beneficence acting by rule; but granting the truth of that statement, without knowledge of the rule our efforts to benefit others are liable to be frustrated. . . . Yet we presume to enter the broad realm of law and legislation with no training, no study of the principles upon which our society rests, no comprehension of the far-reaching effects of premature legislation, and no understanding of the peculiar and delicate structure of our Federal Republic.

"Do you realize that but yesterday law and religion were reverse sides of the same shield? That even now the foundation stones of the structure of our civil law are the ten great commandments that have held humanity in thrall since the birth of civilization? That the laws both of states and nation are but the attempt to apply those same commandments to new and perplexing conditions? . . . As we look at the various branches of the great law tree we are amazed at the variety of its manifestations; but as we follow them down to the huge trunk, we find a natural and logical development for every one. By such contemplation we readily see that every alteration proposed to existing laws must be considered in relation to the whole; that lopping off one branch a little too much may promote an undesirable growth in another.

"It is not to be implied that every woman should enter a law college and

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TEACHING FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS

Miss Adele Humphrey
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Man has ever been more concerned about reaching what appears elusive; woman has of necessity been occupied with her immediate surroundings. From primitive times when men ranged wood and plain for food and the excitements of the chase and women ground the meal and made clothing of skins it has ever been so. Naturally then, while men are conquering the air, perfecting mechanisms by which sight and sound may be transferred to the uttermost parts of the earth, exploring the poles, constructing great waterways, sending messages round the world, women must be attending to the nearer duties—doing with infinite patience what must be done over again tomorrow. Their great organizations must be concerned with the really more vital questions of living from day to day and from generation to generation. While men are trying to communicate with Mars, women have time to look into matters of sex purity. Birth, life and death here and now, with their attendant conditions are our field and no marvellous electrical apparatus for gathering force out of the air will do one sixteenth the good for mankind which can be accomplished by an earnest effort on the part of women everywhere to apply right standards of living to daily life.

With this realization in mind, it is encouraging to see the publication of such a straight-forward, plain-speaking indisputable indictment of loathsome sex conditions as Jane Addams' "A New Conscience and an Ancient Evil." The three plays of Brieux,

"Maternity," "Damaged Goods" and "The Three Daughters of M. Dupont," and Wedekind's "Awakening of Spring," are among the notable utterances which show the present day trend of thought. Every conscientious woman should read all these studies of actual life and then ask herself if she is willing to let another generation be exposed to the hideous diseases begotten of attending to the faraway duty and letting the one at her door go unnoticed.

That clubwomen do not propose to pass on indefinitely the abuses which the habit of secrecy and aloofness in sex matters have allowed to grow and multiply is evidenced by the fact that every state federation is dealing actively with education in social hygiene. Not only is the subject discussed at conventions, but hundreds of clubs the country over are awakening to the great need for scientific knowledge among the young as to the basis of life.

In Iowa eighty-nine clubs are studying social hygiene and so much interest has been aroused that the chairman expects to secure legislation on the subject at the next general assembly. In Maine the clubwomen furnish speakers for schools and organizations of all kinds. At the last meeting of the Oregon federation one entire day was devoted to it. In Idaho during the last year the question has been taken up and much interest manifested. Women of the American Medical Association and of the National Council for Jewish Women are

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What help have we for the California woman who is seriously trying, in a pathetic struggle against all the allurements of fashion and commercial competition, to keep herself free from the hideosities in color and line and scheme which are urged upon her from all sides by competing tradesman and competing women?

What help have we to free the confused homekeeper from the horror of the latest productions in imitation Persian rugs and the glories of most hand-painted china?

What help can we offer to our prosperous communities to free them from the glaring and hideous bequests of their best and most misguided citizens? It would all be amusing were it not so hideously pathetic—it is remarkable that prosperity brings the trouble. The peasant's costume is generally artistic in its color and its simplicity. The man at work in the fields or near the forge is artistically dressed, but make him more prosperous and send this same man forth in a Derby hat and a Prince Albert coat, and what has become of him artistically? He is not expressing himself or his work. He is an expression of an up-to-date tailor.

What can we do to be beautiful in all ways? The only suggestion is to begin with the individual woman. Let her start right with herself. Keats, a

very young poet, said this to help her: "Beauty is truth. Truth is beauty. That is all ye know on earth and all ye need to know." But the pathetic thing with most of us is, that we don't know what is "Truth" in line or color or composition for ourselves or our home or our city. We don't try to decide for ourselves. We defer to the dictates of a patronizing milliner with a coiffure fearful and wonderful in color, line and all art features. We look upon the glory of a Diana in a hair store and attack our poor faulty features with the classic bands of Greece. We put ruffles where ruffles were never intended to be. We struggle and groan and try hard to keep pace with the changes set by the shop keepers.

If we have money enough, we hand ourselves over body and soul to a costly dressmaker and, with hundreds of other women like ourselves, reflect the soul and even the body of that dressmaker.

If we have money enough, we hand over the furnishing of our home to a costlier decorator and forevermore we wander around among the furniture and bric-a-brac of his choice, trying to make ourselves a part of it. If we are a prosperous community, we hand over the remodeling of our city to a paid "beautifier," imported from a great distance. He tears down our awnings and leaves our buildings blinking and blinded by the glorious sunshine. His roofs are all sharp and pointed to shed off Massachusetts snow. Sometimes we are lucky in our dressmakers, our decorators and our beautifier, and the results are magic and a joy forever. Sometimes they are deplorable, but we don't know it, not yet anyway. We

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line in clothes is, "Does it look like me?" And when you do find a style or a color that does look like you and is a part of you, cling to it.

Now to the home. What help have we for the woman working towards beauty in her own home. Every choice of a new piece of furniture is critical. Again let us try for this "truth," which the poet says is "beauty." Let us make our useful things beautiful, and discard useless, half hideous things. Eliminate—clear out the confusion. Remove everything from the room except the absolutely useful and note the improvement. Avoid imitation in everything.

In the end then, when our woman is dressed with distinction instead of fashion, a distinction which is a reflection of her individuality and her life; when this woman builds up around herself a home reflecting her beauty and sincerity, then her city will be merely an extended home, reflecting in the depths and heights of its outlines, her beauty and dignity of soul.

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FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS

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doing good educative work. The department of School Patrons in the N. E. A., the A. C. A. and the G. F. W. C. is largely responsible for the activity. Literature is being sent everywhere. Branches of the National Society for Social Hygiene are being established, as here in Los Angeles where meetings of thoughtful men and women are being held fortnightly to discuss ways and means of furthering sex purity by education.

When one has once become open-minded on the subject it seems incredible that so many kinds of enlightenment have flourished for centuries and yet the most vital has been left to chance. Pedagogues have flogged Euclid and Latin roots into boys' minds in the classics-ridden past while knowledge of life's most sacred and wonderful processes was allowed to come through brutalizing influences. Nearer our own time child study circles held up hands of horror over the flogging but remained unmoved by the criminal neglect which was so much worse. At last we are come to the point of recognizing the fundamental truth of life as mentionable among people of refinement. It is safe to predict that in a few generations the habit of secrecy we are outgrowing will seem as incomprehensible as mediaeval church superstitions seem to us now.

Related to this question of sex hygiene is another which seems to me only a little less grave. It is the matter of modern dress for young girls. I come in contact daily with hundreds of girls. I almost never find anything but sweetness and simplicity in their thoughts and conversation and yet a very, very small percentage are properly dressed. Most of them are exposing arms and neck and figure to a degree that can hardly be called mod-

est, and is certainly inappropriate in business garb. Many have their fair young skins daubed with paint and ghostly with powder.

Now what I want to know is—are all these girls motherless? Some of them are, I have taken the pains to find out, but surely not all. Don't mothers exercise any supervision over their girls these days? What shall we do to educate the mothers if they are laboring under the impression that décollete gowns are good form for school misses? Repeated suggestion from teachers has failed to make much impression on the girls themselves, so it must be taken for granted that the present unlovely styles are not actively discouraged at home.

There is room as well for considerable instruction in personal cleanliness, and even that is something that club-women have tact enough to reach. While we are awaiting the building of the public baths being agitated by the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, could not some valuable training of public opinion in favor of odorless public assemblies be undertaken? It is difficult for one with keen olfactories to keep her optimistic views on human advancement when the still sad odor of humanity prevails invariably wherever two or three are gathered together.

Perhaps it is too late to train this generation to the daily bath but the next might be made to view water as a friend to inner and outer man.

These are all things near to the home, under the woman's supervision and to woman must come the praise or blame for their accomplishment or their neglect. With the splendid organization of the California Federation, with the ballot, with many and brilliant and conscientious leaders, we need not despair that all good things will be ours if we can only live long enough!

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ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING*(Continued from Page 15)*

Miss Humphrey recommended that the duties of the various chairmen be more specifically outlined so that fear of encroachment may not in future cramp the work of chairmen. Mention was made of the admirable work of the Los Angeles district in providing twelve boys with scholarships, thereby keeping them in school.

In summing up the work accomplished in her department since June, 1911, Miss Jennie McConnell told of household economics demonstrated by women who were trained in domestic science; of sample luncheons, conducted on economical lines; of meat, milk and bread inspection, and of a sewing school conducted for a school of 100 girls.

The sixteen delegates who will represent C. F. W. C. at the biennial are:

The state president, Mrs. James W. Orr.

From the Northern district—Mrs. George McCoy, president; Mrs. B. F. Walton; alternates, Mrs. W. F. Fairchilds, Mrs. B. N. Rideout.

San Francisco—Mrs. Percy L. Shuman, Mrs. A. P. Black; alternates, Mme. Emilia Tojetti, Mrs. A. P. Murgotten.

Alameda—Mrs. J. C. Lynch, Mrs. Kate Bulkley; alternates, Mrs. T. C. Huxley, Mrs. A. C. Posey.

San Joaquin district—Mrs. S. L. Wiley, president, Mrs. Edwin D. Buss; alternates, Mrs. William A. Fox, Mrs. George H. Taylor.

Los Angeles—Mrs. William Baurhyte, Mrs. W. C. Mushet; alternates, Mrs. F. A. Green, Mrs. J. E. Coleman.

Southern—Mrs. Ella Westland, Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer; alternates, Mrs. J. H. Holland, Mrs. M. A. Hebbard.

Delegates at large—Mrs. J. B. Richardson, Mrs. E. M. Nealley, Mrs. A. W. Francisco; alternates, Mrs. C. S. Chamberlain, Mrs. W. V. Grimes, Mrs. Thomas Stevens.

Interspersed with the routine of business were various social events under the cordial supervision of Paso

Robles Woman's club and its president, Mrs. Olive Smith. Wednesday evening was given over to a musicale and reception at the hotel, high school students presenting several vocal numbers. Thursday afternoon following the civil service symposium, the visitors were entertained with a fete 'neath the oak trees in a canyon some two miles or more from town, making the trip to and fro in machines furnished by the club women and the local chamber of commerce.

At this fete, besides a program of folk dances by high school students, there was a collation of sandwiches, ices and coffee, each guest was presented with a souvenir, and as a group of school girls concluded a flower dance they "rushed" the shady slope where the visitors were seated, and showered them with rose petals.

The high school pupils had a part too in the program the opening night, and Friday night the dances were repeated on the lawn in front of the hotel to music by the hotel orchestra, strings of electric lights shaded by Japanese lanterns serving only to accentuate the white moonlight and the black shadow of the foliage trees.

The secret of the Paso Robles success may be had for the asking by other small clubs who are desirous of entertaining the state federation—they gave without stint that rarest of all hospitality, participation in those things which constitute their daily lives. There was no effort to make this convention the fac-simile of any or all of its predecessors, but from welcome to God-speed, with hand-clasp and rose shower, exemplified the beauty of "the Paso Robles way."

For some of the delegates the convention began Monday, the trip being made by daylight between the blue sea on the one hand and on the other the Sierras and foothills; clothed with a wealth of green to their summits, the slopes descended to the very edge of the bluff or followed hidden water courses through narrow ravines al-

most to the sands; while both to the right and the left gleamed like fairy gold the wondrous elusive beauty of the wild mustard.

Those who outstayed the convention, remaining until the following afternoon, looked out through the car windows upon this same largesse from Nature's hand veiled in the silver mist of a "most unusual" May shower.

Convention Echoes.

"Perhaps some of the delegates wonder how the Paso Robles club of twenty-eight members came to get the state convention. Paso Robles became ambitious, and asked!"

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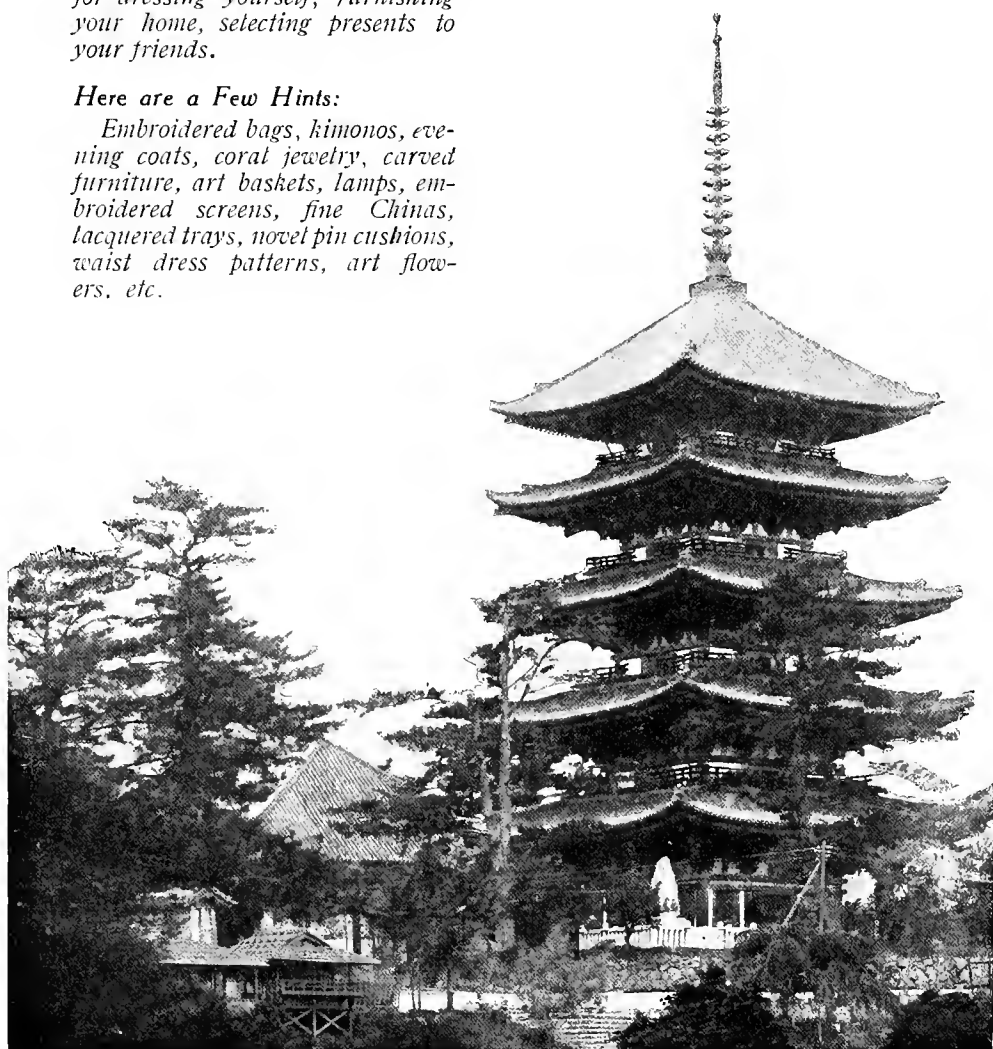
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LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

Attention, Los Angeles clubwomen!

Mrs. W. C. Mushet has secured a half rate of \$14 round trip to San Francisco and back for Los Angeles clubwomen providing there is a party of 100 or more to go up on this special, which will leave Los Angeles at 3 p. m. Monday, June 24. The train is due in San Francisco the following morning, giving passengers ample time to find their hotels and become nicely settled before the opening session, Tuesday evening. Tickets are good for fourteen days.

Arrangements for sale of the tickets are in the hands of Mrs. A. Sutter, who will be at the Sunset magazine desk in the Pacific Electric station, Sixth and Main, daily from June 20 to 24 inclusive, from 9 a. m. until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Reservations may be made until the necessary 100 have been secured, when tickets will be mailed or may be called for, after which the tickets will be sold to applicants. Beside clubwomen this arrangement is open to their husbands

and other members of the family and to friends.

Visitors to the biennial from the eastern states are to receive a typical western welcome as soon as they reach California ground, a welcome in which the southern clubs are planning to do their share.

Los Angeles clubwomen will meet incoming specials, and the Ebell, Friday Morning, Wednesday Morning, Alhambra, Pasadena Shakespeare and Long Beach clubs will keep open house. The Friday Morning clubhouse will be district headquarters, a bureau of information is to be established at the Alexandria, there are to be a series of sight seeing automobile trips and possibly one formal luncheon. The chamber of commerce has been asked to contribute half a carload of oranges and baskets of nuts and raisins for the delectation of the guests. The eastern delegates who are including Catalina in their trip, are to be met by a committee from the Woman's club there, and at Catalina the local club will show them every courtesy.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The annual picnic of the Woman's Improvement club was held in Lemon Grove at Corona. Rev. F. W. Reynolds speaking on "The New Corona." Another afternoon was devoted to the advancement of Woman. A resolution was adopted recommending to the city trustees that the new city hall conform in material to the public library building.

The Ten Thousand Club of El Centro held a most enjoyable May day festival. High school pupils gave a

May pole dance and singing and other parts were given by the grammar school children. Various booths brought in handsome returns, netting the club \$120. At the next meeting the constitution and by-laws were amended and chairmen of committees reported. Newly installed officers are:

President, Mrs. R. B. Vaile; Vice-President, Mrs. G. S. Helms; Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Fleishman; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Murray Stover; Treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Ritz.

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The art section of La Mesa club held an "open day," entertaining guests. There was a loan exhibit of oils, water colors and art work at the Congregational church, and "The Message of Nature and Art" was interpreted by Dr. Sylvester M. Shibey. At a later meeting it was voted to favor the movement to place a statue of peace at the entrance of the Panama canal. Mrs. Helen M. Stoddard and Mrs. H. C. Rider were elected delegates to the biennial convention at San Francisco. The motto "An honest confession is good for the soul," was used for the symposium when "My Favorite Song," "My Favorite Book," "My Favorite Poem," "My Favorite Instrumental Selection," were discussed.

The annual banquet of the Woman's club of Upland, will be held June 11. Committees were appointed to again call on the city council in the interest of having band concerts again, and to see if the requisite number of families were in the old Magnolia Tract so that the town could get rid of garbage. Mrs. E. P. Fuller gave a complete report of the state meeting to which she went as delegate. Mrs. Ella Westland, Southern district president, also attended from this club. Mrs. George Cable was elected President; Mrs. P. H. McQuillan, Vice President; Mrs. C. E. Allen, Recording Secretary; Miss Bertha Watson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. H. C. Kennedy, Treasurer; Directors, Mrs. Ella Westland, Mrs.

N. G. Pehl, Mrs. F. H. Manker, Mrs. George Barlow.

Wednesday Morning club of Riverside closed the year with its eleventh annual breakfast, the event taking place at the Glenwood. Mrs. Miguel Estudillo, the newly elected president, was hostess. Special guests of honor were Mrs. Ella Westland, president of the district, and Mrs. Russell J. Waters, retiring state president. Mrs. L. F. Darling was toast mistress, and among the speakers was Mrs. F. E. De Nyse, recently a delegate to the state convention, who gave an interesting review of the proceedings there. At the conclusion of the program the retiring president, Mrs. Frank E. Densmore, was presented with a silver loving cup.

EXHIBIT RUSSIAN PEASANT HANDICRAFT

A most interesting collection of the Russian peasant needlework sent to Madame Vera de Blumenthal of Pasadena, will be shown during the Biennial at 220 Post street, fifth floor.

This work, which is made in the industrial schools and the homes of the Russian peasant women, includes laces from the finest thread to the coarse, heavy linen lace. Drawnwork on linens and homespuns, in white and in colors is also shown, embroideries, crashes with linens and homespuns, dress materials and trimmings. A very beautiful collection of the bead work and filagree silver work will also be exhibited.

(These lines were made a part of the state's official biennial invitation, a little sepia folder which was sent broadcast with the compliments of the California local biennial board. This artistic invitation, originating with the promotion committee, of which Mrs. Cora E. Jones is chairman, has played no small part in arousing interest and enthusiasm in the coming convention, and is a departure from the strict adherence to business routine of former biennial committees.)

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 And Life's a sort of constant race 'twixt Summer and the Spring.
 Why, just to know the joy of it one might his best years give—
 Out here in California, where it's comfort just to live.

A. J. Waterhouse.

UNDER THE LAW*(Continued from Page 22)*

pursue the three years' course before she sanctions a reform which is patent to the most casual observer—that is not possible. . . .

"We can none of us ever hope to know the law in all its ramifications; no lawyer ever has or ever will. But he knows the principles, and how to apply them to a given case, where to look for precedents, etc. We must gain more knowledge of those principles. . . . You enjoy the study of other subjects without presuming to be a specialist; why should not you acquire a general knowledge of that science which transcends all others in its application to human affairs, without expecting every woman to become her own lawyer? Do you know that ninety per cent of the members of our legislative assemblies are practicing attorneys or men otherwise in the law?"

"Hitherto American women have influenced legislation by sending petitions wet perhaps with tears of our earnestness and enthusiasm! . . . But when the intellect of women is trained in the same schools with her brothers, her judgment developed by the same tests, her social vision extended to the same horizon, her co-operation based upon an equal privilege and equal knowledge, then will her influence be co-equal in the field of legislation. That such influence will be altruistic and broad in scope, considering the welfare of the discouraged man, the helpless child, and the fallen woman, there is no doubt. Whenever her hand has touched the legislative lever it has turned toward the home, the sweat shop and the slums."

After five years of work the Children's Bureau is an accomplished fact. The clubs of California did their full share of enthusiastic work in bringing it about. President Taft has appointed Miss Julia C. Lathrop of Hull House, Chicago, as the head of the newly established bureau. Miss Lathrop is one of the "four maiden aunts

of Chicago," so-called because of their valuable public services. An old friend of Jane Addams, and one of the earliest residents of Hull House, she is said to be splendidly qualified in mental vigor, natural sympathies, and practical experience to direct the work of this important bureau.

Please reserve a date upon your club programs for the discussion of proposed legislation.

Letters have been sent to each club president in the state asking:

Has your club initiated, endorsed or enforced, any federal, state or city legislation? About thirty clubs report any active interest in legislation. Undoubtedly there are others. Next year each progressive club will appoint its own chairman of legislation, and then statistics will be more readily procurable.

As this paper was prepared for the May number of the Club Woman no reference was possible to the annual meeting.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING*(Continued from Page 29)*

"There is one thing stronger than law; it is sometimes called 'the unwritten law,' public opinion. The club-women of the state can create public opinion."

"Clubs should endorse political movements, but care must be exercised that this endorsement be given to an issue and not a person."

"There are at present 2100 men and nineteen women in the state institutions. . . . The fact is apparent that 'we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities' of our weaker brothers and sisters by making prison restraining conditions vibrant with possibilities . . . that the majority of them 'doing time' shall become useful citizens instead of impediments in the great army of mankind. . . . Technicalities and inequalities of legal procedure that make it possible to impose strenuous sentence upon mere boys should be done away."

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